



Memorandum

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: Stephen M. Haase

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 5, 2003

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

SUBJECT: STREET RENAMING OF THE STREETS WITHIN TRACT 9349 FROM COLLEGE PARK DRIVE, WAY, AND PLACE TO BURNETT DRIVE, WAY, AND PLACE, LOCATED BETWEEN N. MARKET AND N. FIRST STREETS, 300 FEET NORTH OF BASSETT STREET.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Pulte Homes, is requesting to rename the private streets within a subdivision currently under construction to Burnett Drive, Way, and Place (see attached tract map). The proposed names were chosen by the applicant, with input from the Vendome and College Park neighborhood groups. Neither neighborhood group favored the current College Park names. The Vendome neighborhood association, who represents the area surrounding the project, felt that the College Park name was not associated with the Vendome neighborhood, but rather the College Park neighborhood, approximately one mile to the west. The College Park neighborhood opposes the name for the same reason. The proposed street names are named after Peter Burnett, the first governor of California, who was in office from 1849-1851. At the time of his administration, San Jose was the capital of the California Territory and later, the State of California.

ANALYSIS

The naming of this street has been reviewed for consistency with the attached City of San Jose Council Policy 6-5; *Street Naming and Street Name Change*. The criteria applicable to the naming of this private street are as follows:

- B. The names must meet with the approval of the County Communications Department and the US Post Office.*

Both of these organizations have reviewed and approved the new name of Burnett Drive, Way and Place. The names are not duplicated in the City of San Jose, and will not impair mail delivery or emergency service response.

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F. The maintenance and future use of names with historic significance within Santa Clara Valley is encouraged.

As stated, the name Burnett is related to the Peter Burnett, the first governor of California, who governed from San Jose.

H. Individual property owners, when affected by a name change, are to be informed and be given an opportunity to be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Four families have bought homes in the subdivision where the street renamings are proposed. Notices were sent to the County and Staff has been available for questions regarding the proposal since the notices were mailed.

Based on this analysis staff concludes that the proposed street name conforms to City Council Policy 6-5.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed Street Name Change.

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ATTACHMENT